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SUBJ: SIGNATURE OF GENERAL ELECTRIC LOCOMOTIVES CONTRACT

1. CONTRACT FOR DELIVERY OF SIX LOCOMOTIVES SIGNED BY
ROLF EDHOLM, GE ABIDJAN, AND GOG IN CEREMONY MARCH 22
ATTENDED BY MINISTERS RAWIRI AND MOUKAMBI AND AMERICAN AMBASSADOR.

2. IN HIS REMARKS, AMBASSADOR STATED THAT SIGNATURE OF
THIS CONTRACT SHOWED SUPPORT OF U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR GABON,
FOR NUMBER ONE GABONESE PROJECT THE TRANSGABON RAILROAD AND FOR
POLITICS OF RENOVATION OF PRESIDENT BONGO, AND EXPRESSED
HOPE THAT THIS CONTRACT WOULD BE FOLLOWED BY OTHERS.
RAWIRI ALSO GAVE SHORT SPEECH AND SAID THAT SIGNING OF
CONTRACTS WITH BOTH FRENCH AND AMERICANS FOR DELIVERY OF
LOCOMOTIVES DONE IN SPIRIT OF PRESIDENT BONGO'S POLITICS
OF OPENNESS AND SHOWED THAT GABON DESIRES TO DO BUSINESS
WITH ANYONE SERIOUSLY INTERESTED. RAWIRI ALSO EXPRESSED
DESIRE TO SEE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN INVESTEMENT IN SUCH
AREAS AS MINERAL PORT AND THIRD LEG OF TRANSGABON.

3. CEREMONY CARRIED ON GABONESE TELEVISION AND RADIO
AND IN LOCAL PRESS.

4. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.

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